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former diplomat has testified invasion plan was the lack of that as "senior partner" in provision of top air cover." an Eisenhower administration team planning the 1961 Cuban invasion, he recommended that jet planes be used to provide air cover for refugee beach-

William Willauer said in tes timony made public today he was "cut out of the operation" a month after President Kennedy took office and two months before the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of April 17, 1961, and never got a chance to "go firm on what I thought should be done."

Willauer testified July 27. 1961, before the Senate Internal security subcommittee.

Special Aide to Herter

He served as ambassador to Honduras from 1954 to 1958, then as ambassador to Costa Rica until 1960. He was credited by former Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles with playing a key role in the United States-backed revolution that overthrew the Communist regime in Guate-

Willauer became a special assistant to former Secretary of State Christian Herter on Dec. 10, 1960.

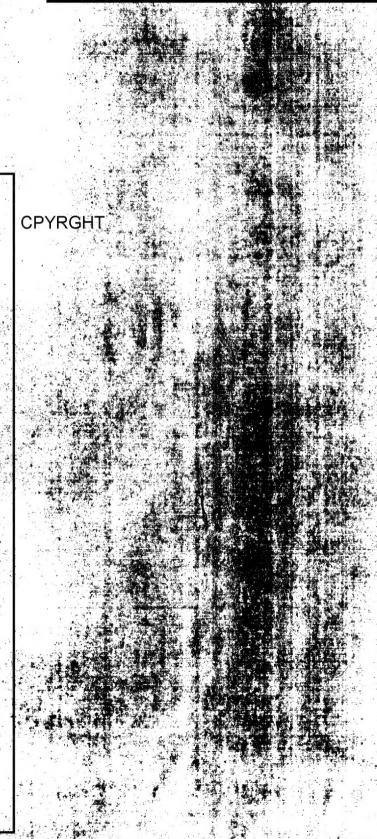
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Recalls Problems

Willauer said there were problems about getting jets! and "there were also problems about the Joint Chiefs of Staff, not having been cut in until I' got them in."

Willauer said that on Jan. 26, 1961, after President Kennedy took office, Secretary of State Dean Rusk asked him to continue "in the same func-# tions as I had been perform-

But Willauer said that In late February when he sought to see CIA officials, he got a call from "Tracy Barnes, my junior partner. . ." He said. Barnes told him, "We can't, talk to you any more. . .



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